



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/578,039	05/01/2006	Philipp Stoessel	14113-00003-US	5478
23416	7590	09/12/2011	EXAMINER	
CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ, LLP			AULAKH, CHARANJIT	
P O BOX 2207			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
WILMINGTON, DE 19899			1625	
MAIL DATE		DELIVERY MODE		
09/12/2011		PAPER		

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/578,039	Applicant(s) STOESSEL ET AL.
	Examiner Charanjit Aulakh	Art Unit 1625

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 August 2011.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

5) Claim(s) 1-3, 6-17, 19, 20, 22 and 24-31 is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7) Claim(s) 1-3, 6-17, 19, 22 and 24-31 is/are rejected.

8) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

10) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. According to paper filed on Aug. 4, 2011, the applicants have canceled claim 4, amended claims 1, 6-8, 20, 29 and 30 and furthermore, have added new claim 31.
2. Claims 1-3, 6-17, 19, 20, 22 and 24-31 are pending in the application. Claim 20 remains withdrawn as being directed to non-elected invention.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed on Aug. 4, 2011 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive regarding indefiniteness rejection of claims 1-3, 6-17, 19, 22 and 24-31 and objection for containing non-elected subject matter. The examiner agrees with the applicants arguments regarding definition of variable R as it relates to written description and definiteness. In regard to indefiniteness rejection of instant claims for the definition of variables Cy1 and Cy2, the applicants did not address this issue at all in their response. Similarly, the applicants did not address the issue of insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation of (Y)c in claims 6-8. According to claim 1, both Cy1 and Cy2 are bonded to the metal via ring atom and therefore, there is no antecedent basis for Y atom in between the metal and Cy1 or Cy2. In regard to objection for containing non-elected subject matter, the applicants neither amended claims to delete non-elected subject matter nor discussed this objection in their response.

Conclusion

4. Rejection of claims 1-3, 6-17, 19, 22 and 24-31 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is maintained for the reasons of record.

5. The objection of claims 1-3, 6-17, 19, 22 and 24-31 for containing non-elected subject matter is maintained for the reasons of record.

NEW GROUNDS OF REJECTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 1-3, 6-17, 19, 22 and 24-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In independent claim 1 and claim 29, the term --- Cy1 and Cy2 are linked to one another via substituents ----- is indefinite since these substituents are not defined.

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on (571)272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Charanjit Aulakh/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1625